

Abstract

5 A plastic blow molded container having a central vertical axis constructed in
accordance with the present invention includes a cylindrical upper rim, an oriented neck
portion, a lower body portion, and a closed base portion. The upper rim of the container
includes a top surface having a planar inner edge and an outer edge. The inner edge is
generally flat and perpendicular to the vertical axis of the container and the outer edge may
10 be curled or curved to provide additional rigidity. The oriented neck portion depends from
the upper rim and includes a means to accept a closure, such as a set of integral threads.
When viewed in vertical cross section, the outer vertical line formed by the outer axial points
of said means to accept a closure is substantially parallel to the vertical axis of the container.
The lower body portion is generally cylindrical over the majority of its vertical length. The
15 closed base portion supports the container and depends from the lower body portion. For
stability, the plane of the inner edge of the upper rim of the container is generally parallel to
the plane formed by the lowermost points of the closed base portion.

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